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Luke 8:18

**Take Heed
How You Hear**



VIDEO: <https://archive.org/details/take-heed-how-you-hear-luk-8>

Jesus presented a verbal illustration of 4 types of reception—4 ways in which what is heard is received or understood. He used the concept of farming whereby seeds fell:

- (1) by the way side,
- (2) upon a rock,
- (3) among thorns, and
- (4) on good ground.

Luke 8:4-18



⁴ And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

⁵ **A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.**

⁶ **And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung**

**up, it withered away, because
it lacked moisture.**

**⁷ And some fell among
thorns; and the thorns sprang
up with it, and choked it.**

**⁸ And other fell on good
ground, and sprang up, and
bare fruit an hundredfold. And
when he had said these
things, he cried, **He that hath
ears to hear, let him hear.****

**⁹ And his disciples asked him,
saying, What might this
parable be?**

**¹⁰ And he said, **Unto you it is
given to know the mysteries
of the kingdom of God: but to****

others in parables; that
seeing they might not see,
and hearing they might not
understand.

11 Now the parable is this:
The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are
they that hear; then cometh
the devil, and taketh away the
word out of their hearts, lest
they should believe and be
saved.

13 They on the rock *are they*,
which, when they hear,
receive the word with joy; and
these have no root, which for
a while believe, and in time of

temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it*

under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

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TAKE HEED!
Pay Attention To,
Care About,

Spend Time On,
Watch,
Seriously Think About,
Be Responsible For...
HOW YOU HEAR.

Invest the
time and energy that is
required to carefully
evaluate the way in which
you receive Scripture.

TEST the SOWER.

TEST the SEED.

TEST the SOIL.

Is the teacher
(the SOWER)
worldly and greedy
requiring money or
attempting to shame
those who do not
fatten his pockets.
Does he, himself,

refuse to practice
what is in Scripture or,
as it should be, is he
or she an ever-maturing
Believer who bears fruit
according to Scripture?

Is the information
(the SEED)
a popular doctrine
which twists Scripture
into some feel-good,
occult-rooted dynamic

deception? Is it a
“you’re a king”,
“you’re a queen”,
“you’re a god”
teaching or is it,
instead, sound
doctrine directly from
Scripture which reveres
God and teaches
worship of the
Creator only?

Are you

(the SOIL)

half-listening with other things on your mind? Are you more interested in being accepted than obeying God? Have pains or pleasures, preset beliefs, or false doctrines dulled your hearing or hardened your heart against biblical correction. Rather, are you receptive with truth-oriented ears?

Do you *notice* HOW YOU HEAR? Have you read the Bible for yourself to determine if what you're hearing is actually written there and if it is being interpreted in context and in line with other scriptures? Have you compared different "versions" for yourself to see how differences may affect your understanding?

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

TAKE HEED. Try the spirits! (1 John 4:1)

When **the word of God seed** has been planted into repentant and receptive hearts, there is godly productivity—always. Guaranteed. It can't be hidden. If it is present, it will be seen.

(Luke 8:16, 17).

If growth is not seen, it's because it is not present. That's Scripture. It's spiritual maturity and growth.

Question:

What is Proof of
“Good Ground”?

Answer:

Re-read Luke 8:15.

Having heard “the word” (scriptural teaching), you will

“keep it” (remember
it, treasure it, live
by it) and you will
“bring forth fruit”
(be changed by it
and be a part of
godly change
in others)
with patience
(progressively
over time).

The word itself

will become
living within you and
you will live it.
The fruit becomes
visible to others.
It is undeniable
growth in truth.



HOW
YOU HEAR IS CRUCIAL
TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH SO
TAKE HEED.

Ecclesiasticus 3:29

**The heart of the prudent will
understand a parable,
and an attentive ear is the desire
of a wise man.**

Ecclesiasticus 6:35

**Be willing to hear every
godly discourse, and let not
the parables of
understanding escape thee.**